

RE: Heavy tow equipment management

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Good afternoon all,

On February 18th, a project team was put together to examine the continued use, storage and future disposal of equipment recently procured to support RCMP operations at the Coutts border.

Although representatives from JSG, SA, AT and RCMP have identified a way forward, there are aspects of the plans that are still being finalized. Notwithstanding, I am delighted to provide the following progress report:

- On February 13, 2022 – The GoA procured the following equipment:
 - o 2007 Freightliner M2, Flat bed
 - o 2010 Dodge Ram 3500 Tow Truck
 - o 2002 International 4300 Medium Tow Truck
 - o 1996 GMC 3500 Tow Truck
 - o 1998 Freightliner Classic, Heavy Tow Truck
 - o 2010 Komatsu D61 Dozer with winch
 - o 1999 Case 621B Wheel Loader
 - o 2010 Arnes Tri-Axle Scissor Neck Lowboy
 - o 2007 Gerrys 60 Ton 16 wheel Lowboy Trailer
 - o 2008 Western Star Semi Tractor
 - o 2006 Peterbilt Semi Tractor
 - o 2014 International Prostar Semi Tractor
- In addition to equipment, three Tow Truck operators were contacted and dispatched to Lethbridge for three days.

- Total cost to SA for equipment was \$826K and \$13.4K for operators
- All equipment is currently stored within a fenced GoA compound at 505 30th Street Lethbridge (Point of contact is [REDACTED] with Agriculture, mobile [REDACTED]).
 - o The compound is quite large and is at our disposal for the next few weeks.
- All equipment has been properly registered / plated and have ARI payment cards. Vehicles requiring a Commercial Vehicle Inspection have been exempted by Transportation, until March 1, 2022.
- As of this date, RCMP are still utilizing the equipment listed above. RCMP would like to maintain/store all equipment in Lethbridge (for the short term) in the event there is further blockade action by demonstrators.
- The RCMP member in Lethbridge currently managing all the equipment (and in possession of ignition keys) is Staff Sergeant [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Going forward, the project team has landed on the following:

- Short Term (Feb/Mar) considerations:
 - o As of today (Feb 23) RCMP are still utilizing the equipment
 - § Risk Management Insurance have been informed of added inventory and current usage by RCMP.
 - § Action Item: Service Alberta is preparing a Service Agreement for the RCMP for interim use of equipment
 - § Action Item: RCMP will provide a more definitive timeframe as to how long the equipment will be required
 - § Action Item: Transportation will provide support for Commercial Vehicle Inspections on or before March 1st (while there is a possibility of extending exemption requirements, this is not the preferred option)
- Medium Term (Next two / three months) consideration:
 - o Relocate all equipment to existing GoA storage facilities / compounds (eg. The Bonaventure warehouse in Edmonton)
 - § Action Item: JSG/RCMP/AEMA - Determine how long the GoA retains all equipment (likely until end of summer 2022)
- Long Term considerations:

- o Determine if there is a permanent requirement to retain this equipment, or dispose through Crown assets.
- o Determine if there are opportunities to recoup funds from the Federal Government

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I will provide further updates as required.

Kind regards,

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